

# **Central Wisconsin Community Action Council, Inc.**

## **EPF&A Committee Meeting Minutes**

**May 14, 2021**

**Present:** Donna Maly, Charlie Krupa (by Zoom), Dave Singer, Muriel Harper,  
and John Earl

**Excused Absence:** None

**Staff:** Fred Hebert, Chris Utley, Chelsey Scott, and Donna Lynch

**Guests:** Brad Paul, George Hinton, Nicole Harrison, Ross Curry, Scott Beard, John Atkinson,  
Bob McClyman, and Joy Casperson

1. John Earl called the meeting to order and roll call was taken with five members present.
2. Motion passed by unanimous vote approving the agenda and minutes of the April 9, 2021 EPF&A Committee meeting.
3. Fred welcomed WISCAP Executive Director, Brad Paul. Brad also welcomed Social Development Commission Executive Director/WISCAP Board President, George Hinton, and CAP Services Executive Director, Nicole Harrison. Brad, George, and Nicole were in attendance to discuss our agency position on political neutrality. Brad gave a very in-depth explanation of the National Community Action Partnership (NCAP) and the National Community Action Foundation (NCAF) and their role in securing and retaining Community Services Block Grant Funding. David Bradley with NCAF is our lobbying arm of the network in Washington who works for our network fighting to preserve funding and also fought for supplemental COVID funding. WISCAP pays for CAPLAW which provides legal services to the network. WISCAP also assists in providing programs including Jobs & Business Development, Rural Business Development Grant, Skills Enhancement, Wisconsin Emergency Rental Assistance, CARES Funding Wisconsin Rental Assistance Program, and the Associated Bank Grant. He mentioned that all groups are non-partisan and WISCAP has not taken a position, however each agency can choose which organizations they wish to support. NCAP is its own organization of which 8 of our 18 Community Action Agencies are a member. George and Nicole mentioned the importance of all agencies working together as a collaborative with each agency choosing to support organizations important to their mission, which may be different due to locations and circumstances. Fred thanked Brad, George, and Nicole for their time and attendance at the meeting.
4. Committee members discussed the presentation and agreed that it provided great insight and also raised awareness. Motion was passed by unanimous vote recommending full board approval of reinstating full agency dues to WISCAP.
5. Meeting Adjourned - Next Meeting - Friday, June 11, 2021